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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9388
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD ROUTINE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 6279

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, AF, UR
SUBJECT: ARTICLE CHARGING U.S. WITH ASSISTING SUBVERSION IN
AFGHANISTAN.

REF: MOSCOW 18017

1. WE MUCH APPRECIATE EMBASSY MOSCOW'S ALERTING US
TO THE SUBJECT ARTICLE.
2. I HAVE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE DEPFONMIN
DOST TO APPRISE HIM OF THE ARTICLE AND INFORM HIM
THAT THE ARTICLE IS FALSE AND INSIDIOUS IN ITS ALLEGA-
TIONS ABOUT THE U.S. I PLAN TO TELL HIM THAT WE CAN
ONLY ASSUME IT WAS WRITTEN WITH A VIEW TO TRYING TO
HARM US-AFGHAN RELATIONS.
3. ALSO, UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTION, I PLAN
ON AUGUST 6 (AFTER THIS 3-DAY AFGHAN WEEKEND) TO CALL
ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR PUZANOV TO UPBRAID HIM FOR THE
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PUBLICATION OF A KABUL-DATELINED TASS ARTICLE FALSE IN ITS
CONTENTS AND DESTRUCTIVE TO OUR DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO
AFGHANISTAN. EMBASSY MOSCOW MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER
RAISING THE MATTER WITH THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. MEANWHILE, WE ARE CALLING THIS ARTICLE TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN AND CHINESE EMBASSIES

HERE WITH WHOM WE HAVE GOOD WORKING RELATIONS.

5. AS REGARDS EMBASSY MOSCOW'S COMMENT IN REFTEL, WE FULLY AGREE WITH ITS ANALYSIS. WE SURMISE THAT THE ARTICLE REFLECTS A DESIRE BY THE SOVIETS TO CREATE OR HEIGHTEN AFGHAN SUSPICIONS TOWARDS US, ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE CHARGES WERE INITIALLY GENERATED BY THE SOVIETS OR THE DRA LEADERSHIP. AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT IN OTHER RECENT MESSAGES, THE DEOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS UNEASY, WITH ALARMING RUMORS CIRCULATING, AND THE DRA LEADERSHIP IS OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS ABOUT ANY SIGNS THAT SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS ARE BEING ASSISTED FROM THE OUTSIDE.

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